Proposal for Electricity Trolley Buses for Delhi

4948. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal is under consideration to run electricity trolley buses in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a Committee has been constituted to go into this scheme;

(d) if so, the terms of reference of the Committee and the time frame of submission of the report;

(e) the cost involved in the project and whether the State Government would bear the entire cost, or Centre would also make some contribution; and

(f) the benefits that would be derived out of this by the general public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD) had got a Techno Economic Feasibility Report prepared from BHEL for setting up an Electronic Trolley Bus System (ETBS) in Delhi. BHEL has furnished its report for introduction of ETBS on four major corridors in Delhi covering a distance of 83.5 kms. The Techno Economic Feasibility Report of BHEL and its evaluation by SBI Caps were considered by a Committee of Secretaries of GNCTD, the recommendations of which are still under consideration with the GNCTD.

(c) and (d) GNCTD has constituted a Committee to consider various alternatives of sustainable transport in Delhi. The Committee is chaired by the Chief Secretary, GNCTD and comprises Shri B.K. Singhal, Former MD, RITES; Prof. Dinesh Mohan, IIT, Delhi; Shri O.P. Aggarwal, Joint Secretary (Training), Government of India and Commissioner (Tranport), GNCTD as its members. The Committee has been asked tentatively to submit its report in the month of May, 2002.

(e) Total project cost as per the project report has been estimated at Rs. 254.44 crores. At present there is no proposal for Central Government contribution.

(f) ETBs are electrically propelled vehicles drawing power from over-head conductors. It is a comfortable, safe and pollution-free mode of public transport.

Regularisation of colonies on agricultural land in Delhi

†4949. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unauthorised colonies and colonies constructed on agricultural land in Delhi regularised during last three years;

(b) the number of colonies yet to be regularised and the impediments coming in the way of their regularisation;

(c) the rules with regard to regularisation of colonies constructed on agricultural land and the tax being charged from them at present;

(d) whether Government propose to reduce this tax; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government for their early regularisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (e) No unauthorized colony has been regularised during the last three years.

The Government of India has filed guidelines for regularisation of unauthorized colonies in the High Court of Delhi in CWP No. 4771/93—Common Cause (Regd.) Society *Vs.* Union of India & Others. The Hon'ble Court in its order dated 27.2.2001 has *inter alia* directed the Ministry to notify the list of colonies which could be regularised in terms of the guidelines. Government of NCT of Delhi has been requested to prepare list of such colonies which could be regularised in terms of the guidelines. The Hon'ble Court, in the same matter, has restrained the Government from regularizing any unauthorized colony till further orders.

There are no separate rules for regularisation of unauthorized colonies on agricultural land.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.